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*The Committee consisting of Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PINCKNEY, and Mr. PETTIT, to whom was referred a Motion of Mr. PINCKNEY:*

### REPORT,—

**THAT**, in examining the several provisions which have been intended by Congress for the security and payment of the domestic debt, they find, that such has been the inattention of the several states to the annual requisitions of Congress, and so few of them have passed acts in conformity with that part of the revenue system of the 18th April 1783, which proposes, the establishment of funds supplementary to, and in aid of the general impost, that no reasonable hope can be indulged of effectual provision being made by either of the means abovementioned.

That it appears to your committee expedient, some mode should be established, for the speedy extinguishment of the said domestic debt, and which would tend to equalize its burden by drawing from the several members of the confederacy their full and just proportions of the same.

After the fullest investigation, there appears no mode so reasonable, or so probable of success, as that of apportioning upon the several states their quota's of the domestic debt; as far as the same is at present liquidated, and requiring them to pay the same into the federal treasury at a stated period.

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Whereupon the committee submit to Congress the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, That the board of treasury be, and they are hereby directed to report a requisition on the several states, for their respective quota's of the domestic debt, as far as the same is at present liquidated and ascertained.

That the said states, be required to pay their respective quotas of the said debt into the federal treasury on or before the day of in continental loan-office certificates and other certificates of debts due from the United States, liquidated and ascertained, according to the direction of the United States in Congress assembled; the loan-office certificates, bearing date after the last day of February 1778, to be liquidated by the scale of June 1780.

That if any state shall offer in payment certificates, whereon interest has not been paid, up to the 31st December 1785, such state shall be credited on account of the facility part of the requisitions of 1785, and 1786, for the amount of such interest as may remain due on such certificates to the said 31st December 1785.

That any state which shall have paid its quota of such certificates, shall at any time after the expiration of the said day of be permitted to pay in, any farther sum in certificates of the like kind, to be passed to the credit of such state, and be allowed in the settlement of the general account of such state, with the United States.

That the vacant territory of the United States, to be sold in the respective states, pursuant to the ordinance of the 20th May, 1785, may be paid for in the mode therein mentioned, or in such certificates of debts due from the state in which the lands are so as aforesaid to be sold, as such state shall direct; provided such state shall have paid into the treasury of the United States, the quota of certificates demanded by the said requisition.

That the states shall respectively have credit on account of the supplementary funds recommended by the system of 18th April 1783, or on account of such requisitions as

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may hereafter be made, for the purpose of paying the interest of the domestic debt, for the amount of interest which shall from time to time become due from and after the 31st December 1785, on such certificates of liquidated debts, as any state shall have paid in, pursuant to the said requisition.